

Sammamish Youth Board/Police Planning Meeting # 1
Wednesday, October 8, 3:00-4:00pm @ City Hall

Youth Present: Robert Baxter, Bridget Beattie, Allison Dunham, Asiya Khaki
Police Present: Deputy Bates, Officer Chapin, Officer Williams

Those present introduced themselves and shared with the group their motivation for attending. The police are aware there are misconceptions by the public about the police. The youth expressed a need to know more about the law and their rights as citizens. Both youth and police found the Kirkland RESPECT manual an appropriate format to bridge the gap between youth and police and begin to develop a relationship based on respect and understanding.

Since this is the first attempt at developing such a guide, this project would be time intensive and would benefit from the support and input of a diverse youth population. The group shared ideas for sources of volunteers: Eastlake Community Service Fair, middle school/junior high leadership classes, Police Explorers, Eastlake seniors.

To cover the costs of printing and production, funding would need to be procured. The group created a list of potential financial sponsors: local businesses, property managers, Home Owner Associations, printing companies, local newspapers, ESF&R, ATF, King County Community Organizing Department and PTSA. Youth from the City would educate these groups on the project and “pitch” the vision.

The group unanimously decided to review in detail the City of Kirkland’s resource guide and make changes and additions in verbiage, codes, etc. as needed. Lynne will be contacting Regie with the City of Kirkland to obtain more copies of the guide and learn of their project costs and if they have seen improvements/changes in youth/police relations since this guide has been available.

An update of today’s meeting and the scope of the project will be presented to the Sammamish Youth Board at the October 30 meeting. Officer Chapin volunteered to attend this meeting and represent the police. With overall support and continuous input from the Board, the project would be driven by City Liaison committee members.

The next Sammamish Youth Board/Police planning meeting date will be determined at the October 30 Sammamish Youth Board meeting.

Thank you for attending!